

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003. Claims 2 - 8, 12 - 14, 16 - 27, 29, 31 and 32 are pending in this application. Claims 16, 25 and 31 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112. Otherwise the claims have been considered to be allowable. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments. These remarks follow the order of the detailed Office Action beginning at page 2 thereof.

Priority

Applicant appreciates the acknowledgement of priority.

Response to Applicants June 16, 2003 Amendment

Applicant appreciates the withdrawal of previous rejections under 35 USC § 112 and 35 USC § 103(a).

New Claim Objections

Claim 31 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 - New

Claim 16 has been amended as suggested. Similarly, claim 31 has been amended to make the same correction. Applicant notes that the material referred to in the specification is any wax as described on page 94 and as described at pages 117 and 118 of the specification.

Claim 25 has been amended to correct what Applicant believes is an antecedent basis problem. The mixing mill of Applicant's invention, as set forth in claim 25, hydrophobes a not made hydrophobic powder component by mixing the not made hydrophobic powder component and oil components using the media-agitating mill. It is believed that the amendment now made in claim 25 makes the claim clearer and allowable. Should the Examiner have any further objections, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned to resolve any other issues.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action in accordance thereof is requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed in this current condition, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact

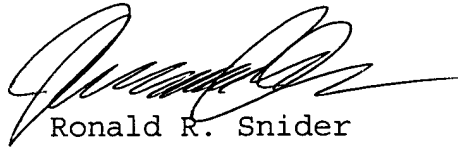
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the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems
by Interview or Examiner's Amendment.

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